

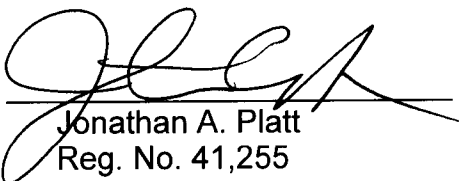
REMARKS

Following entry of the above amendments, claims 5-12 and 17-30 will be pending. Claims 1 and 16 have been canceled. The remaining claims have been amended to put them into condition for allowance. Allowable claims 8, 9, 20, 21, 26, 29, and 30 have been rewritten in independent form, without change in scope. Rejected claims 5, 17, and 25 have been amended to depend upon allowable claims 26, 20 and 8, respectively. These changes put all of the pending claims into condition for allowance, and render the rejections moot.

Should any questions arise in this matter, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the e-mail address listed below.

Fees are paid herewith for the consideration of additional independent claims. In the event further fees are due in connection with the filing of this paper, the Commissioner is authorized to charge those fees to Deposit Account No. 18-0988 (Charge No. ERICP0347US).

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